

February 14, 2019

ATTN: Freedom of Information Officer
Freedom of Information Office
US Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4 - Southeast
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c/o Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler, EPA NPDES" (Wahlstrom-Ramler.Meghan@epa.gov)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – Initial NPDES Permit for DuPont Trailridge Mining in North Florida

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

I originally contacted Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler to determine if the initial NPDES permit issued by EPA to DuPont for Trailridge mining in north Florida, possibly identified as facility number FL0000051 and possibly first issued in the 1990s yesterday.

She informed me that I would have to submit a formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to even get a response confirming if EPA had that initial NPDES permit. In her response to me, Meghan said:

**“I just talked to someone in the FOIA office and they said this would have to be done through a request. Below is the link you can use to find the forms:
<http://r4intra.epa.gov/FOIA/form-letters/index.html>”**

I tried that link repeatedly yesterday and today and that link does not work. It doesn't even generate an “error” page on any web site – just NOTHING.

The document described and listed above is being requested under the provisions of **5 USC 552**, the Freedom of Information Act. I am aware that fees may be charged for search, review, and/or duplication of the record requested. If fees are required to provide the requested information, I am willing to pay a reasonable fee to obtain this information. The Act, however, allows fee waivers to be granted when disclosure of the records is in the public interest and is likely to contribute to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government.

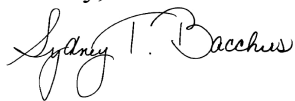
I am an individual, not a commercial organization. I am making this request as an individual engaged in public education regarding the regulatory history of this on-going Trailridge mining. The disclosure of the requested record is in the public interest because it: a) is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and b) is

not primarily in any commercial interest. Therefore, I am requesting a waiver of fees associated with the requested document.

It is my understanding that some or all of the record, document, and information requested may be available in electronic form, thereby avoiding or reducing page costs. If some or all of the requested information is available in electronic form (including excel spread sheet and GIS format), please provide this information via my e-mail provided below, If the file size is too large to provide by email, please provide that email on a CD, to the address provided below. If some or all of the requested information is available on line, please forward the web address for that information via my e-mail provided below. Hard copies of the remaining information can be mailed to me at my address below.

If some of the requested information will require more than 14 days to compile, please forward the more readily available information first, while the remaining information is being compiled. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the email address provided below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sydney T. Bacchus".

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